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49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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URGING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN A PLAN TO ASSESS
QUALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

WHEREAS, there is a need to identify and analyze needs for
behavioral health services in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, an organized plan could be completed over the
span of one year, which will allow a strategic approach of
projecting needs and addressing weaknesses to the provision of
behavioral health care services for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the community should be involved in creating such
a plan and take an active role in both identification of needs
and creating priorities for the future; and

WHEREAS, a plan for behavioral health services should
include housing and employment needs and the need for hospital
space and safe houses, caseworkers and other behavioral health

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1 service employees;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be requested
4 to select and convene a working group charged with the one-year
5 task of designing a plan for improving behavioral health
6 service delivery and accessibility; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan be presented to the
8 appropriate interim legislative committee by October 1, 2009
9 and to the interagency behavioral health purchasing
10 collaborative; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan document be a first
12 step in creating a five-year projection of needs and addressing
13 weaknesses in these systems; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the secretary of human services and the
16 secretary of health.

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